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SUBJECT:LETTER FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA TO PRESIDENT FORD

1) FYI- ON FEB. 5, MARK CHONA DELIVERED FOLLOWING LETTER TO
SECRETARY FOR TRANSMISSION TO PRESIDENT FORD:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I WAS VERY HAPPY RECENTLY TO RECEIVE YOUR MESSAGE REGARDING
THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA. I WAS MOST HEARTENED AND
ENCOURAGED BY THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU REAFFIRMED YOUR
COMMITMENT AND THAT OF YOUR COUNTRY TO HELP END THE WAR
IN ANGOLA. SINCE THEN I HAVE FOLLOWED THE DEVELOPMENTS
WHICH HAVE GROWN IN GRAVITY. THE OAU DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS
AT THE RECENT ADDIS ABABA EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT FAILED. THE
WAR CONTINUES, SOVIET INTERVENTION ALSO CONTINUES TO GROW
WITH AN ALARMING NUMBER OF CUBAN REGULAR FORCES.

I PERFECTLY UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS OF THE AMERICAN

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ADMINISTRATION IN GIVING TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO

SOVIET MASSIVE INTERVENTION. WHILE ADMIRING YOUR PRESENT EFFORTS AND THOSE OF YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. KISSINGER, I AM NECESSARILY DISMAYED BY THE INADEQUENCY OF THE WESTERN RESPONSE POLITICALLY, PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND LET ALONE

MATERIALLY.

WE IN ZAMBIA WILL NOT COMPROMISE OUR PRINCIPLES FOR FEAR OF SOVIET POWER. WE, THEREFORE, ARE RESOLVED TO MAINTAIN OUR STAND.

I AM SENDING MY SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MARK CHONA, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THE WHOLE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. AMERICAN ACTION IS ALSO NECESSARY NOW IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA BEFORE THERE IS A REPETITION OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ANGOLA. THE THREAT IS REAL. WE HAVE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES NOW.

MAY I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF SENDING YOU MY WARMEST GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES.

WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS.

YOURS SINCERELY, KENNETH KAUNDA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA" SISCO

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